

DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS



History

- ▣ City Council considered improvements to citizen & neighborhood involvement process
- ▣ Formation of 15-member Citizen Involvement Task Force
- ▣ Recommendations submitted to City Council to create new structure for citizen participation
- ▣ District Advisory Boards established in Spring 2000

District Advisory Boards

- Eleven (11) member boards
- Appointed by Council Member to reflect the district character & demographics
- Representatives of neighborhoods, schools, churches, businesses
- Meet regularly at least once a month
- All meetings subject to the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA)
- Provide forum for public participation on decisions
- Special sub-committees created, as necessary
- Neighborhood Assistant staffs & supports district DAB

DAB Roles & Responsibilities

Primary role to advise & make formal recommendations to District Council Member and to city staff regarding community and district matters including:

- public policy
- city projects/programs
- land-use
- citizen concerns
- other related issues

What DABs Do

- A. Provide opportunities for citizen comment
- B. Recommend action for Council Member
- C. Meetings serve as public hearings
- D. Distribute & communicate city information to district residents
- B. Work with neighborhood organizations & community-based groups on community development
- C. Assist residents and encourage citizen involvement in decision-making process

Results to Date

- ▣ Innovative alternatives developed for resolution of neighborhood issues
- ▣ Council-member involvement with citizens has increased
- ▣ City has increased communication with citizens

DAB Goals

- ▣ Increase communication with neighborhoods through new strategies & tools
- ▣ Place Citizen Leadership Academy graduates on City Boards and Commissions

Staffing of DABs

- ▣ One Neighborhood Assistant is assigned to each Council District
- ▣ Assist Council Member with meeting
- ▣ Staff DAB Meetings
- ▣ Coordinate agenda with department staff, residents, & community
- ▣ Provide records of action taken by DAB

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